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On December 10, 1963, the Dallas Office advised that Mr. SAMUEL B. BALLEN, Chairman of the Board of Highplains Natural Gas Company and Electrical Log Service, Inc., 1717 Southland Center, Dallas, Texas, had met LEE HARVEY OSWALD in December, 1962, in Dallas, Texas. BALLEN recalls talking with OSWALD, and it is his recollection that OSWALD had been employed by a newspaper in New Orleans, Louisiana.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

The following investigation was conducted by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY:

The following individuals advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had never been employed by their newspapers:

Miss JANE LEWIS, Office Manager, Bowling Press and News and Views, 3709 South Carrollton Avenue.

CLYDE VICGUES, Assistant Business Manager, Catholic Action of the South, and the Clarion, 523 Natchez, New Orleans.

Mrs. FRANCES C. BADGETT, Office Manager, Central Christian Advocate, 631 Baronne Street, New Orleans.

A. L. FRANCIS, Owner and Publisher of the Daily Shopping Guide, Daily Journal of Commerce, and the Daily Shipping Guide, 516 Natchez Street.

WILLIAM DONNELS, The Federationist, 841 Louisa Street.

Mr. EASTON KING, Publisher, Gentilly Advertiser, 613 South Rampart.

KENT COURTNEY, Publisher of the Independent American, 7819 Green Street.

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Mr. O. AL CHIARELLO, Owner, Italo-American Publishing Company and publisher, International Review, 1025 Barracks.

EDWARD ROSE, Editor, West Bank Guide, and Jefferson Daily Legal News, 3709 West Bank Expressway, Gretna, Louisiana.

ASTON COX, Editor, Jefferson Democrat, 540 First Street, Gretna.

SIDNEY STEINER, Editor and Publisher, Jefferson Parish Times, 110 Severn Street, Metairie.

ABRAHAM SLABAT, 4538 South Johnson, Editor and Publisher of the Jewish Ledger, which closed October 11, 1963.

J. FINGER, Office Manager, The Journal Commerce, International Trade Mart, New Orleans.

Mrs. G. M. WATSON, Louisiana Weekly Publishing Company, 640 South Rampart.

Mrs. M. SULLIVAN, Office Manager, Official Daily Court Records, and Montgomery and Company printers, 430 Chartres.

MARGARET MITCHELL, Personnel Manager, New Orleans States-Item, and the Times Picayune, 615 North Street, New Orleans.

Mr. FELTS B. LEE, Fuller Building, 2100 North Claiborne, Current local manager of the Pittsburg Courier.

JACK E. ROUSSEAU, 1821 Orleans, former manager of the Pittsburg Courier.

EDWARD ROY, Editor, St. Bernard Voice, 234 Mehle Street, Arabi, Louisiana.

CD170:80-1. Regis Kennedy is quite a boy, when he wants to be. If he was really interested in knowing if LHO had worked on a minor paper, and he sure lists those minor enough, how come he forgot Gaudet's"Latin American Reports", or Jack Martin's paper? Or, in listingKent Courtney as never having employed LHO, how could he manage to forget that LHO or Kerry Thornley, I forget which, had been sent to him by the A-1 employment service, to apply for a job? Is there any reason to believe LHO ever said he had been employed by a paper?